

Fountainbleau Municipal Advisory Committee

**E.W.F. Stirrup Elementary School
330 NW 97th Avenue
Miami, Florida 33172**

January 9th, 2003

**Minutes
1st Public Hearing**

Present at the meeting were:

Odell Ford, representing Miami Dade County

M.A.C. members present:

Jose Carlos Gaset

Cecilia Haffele

Roger Lorenzo, Committee Chairman

Juan Carlos Nistal

Maria Roca

Carmen Sanchez

Donna Skinner

- Meeting called to order at 7:15 P.M. by Roger Lorenzo
- Roger Lorenzo gave a summary of how the M.A.C. began and how Commissioner Soto's support lead to the committee. He noted that 7 M.A.C.s are in existence and many communities are petitioning to expand. He explained that Fountainbleau is a doner community and that due to our population density we collect more revenue than Miami Dade spends on services for our 25,000 residents. Roger highlighted some of the advantages in controlling our own zoning and funding, he then invited the members of the committee to introduce themselves and explain how they got involved with the committee.
- Most committee members stated protection of the golfcourse from development was a major issue, other reasons were community involvement, zoning issues, speeding and general improvement of our community.
- Roger Lorenzo invited the members of the public to speak.
- A point was made that the golfcourse needed to be economically viable, perhaps something to draw in the public like a large sports bar. Also, the dissemination of

information about the City of Fountainbleau needs to be more aggressive to reach members of our community. Information about the positive effects a city would afford through the use of colored pie graphs and visual aids to explain the information gathered and the positive economic effects due to incorporation. There was a discussion about Westchester's attempt to become a city, and how it was thwarted because of the lack of information spread. Ideas about controlling traffic and speeding were also mentioned. Zoning issues were also addressed due to a child care business recently opened on the boulevard without any apparent prior hearing.

- Roger Lorenzo thanked the public for coming and the meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.